

## Shipping

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THE Captain and crew of the British ship  
Rock Terrace (25 in all) were brought on to

longkong yesterday from Manila by the *Zafiro*. The *Rock Terrace*, 1,769 tons bur-

Following the rocky transfer from Manila by the *Rock Terrace*, 1,769 tons buried, left New York on the 22nd September last for Koba, [after being four months out, on the 28th January, the ship struck in Brougham reef, lat. 2.25 S., long. 165.30 E. She floated off, but became leaky. Under great difficulties she proceeded for thirty days in that condition until the Mariana Islands were reached, when the Captain, finding it impossible to make the land, resolved to abandon the ship. This was done, leaving the ship in the high sea, and the crew proceeded in boats to Marianas, and landed in Guam, where they were attended and brought to Manila on the 30th April by the *Don Juan* and landed over to the British Consul there, who sent them to Hongkong in the *Zafiro*.

MR. TAYNAN is expected to leave Sydney about the 28th ult., for Port Darwin and Hongkong, reaching the former port about the 10th prox.

NEW South Wales, has just placed a new contract on the London market for £3,500,000. The Standard strongly depreciates such a large increase to the colony's annual liability for interest.

CAPTAIN DANIELSON of the *Kwanyshi* takes command of the *Hutchins*, relieving Captain LOWE, who is transferred to the *Kintampo*. Captain BUCHANAN of the *Puyco* exchanges places with Captain GRAHAM of the *Chaim*.—N. C. Daily News.

The Intercolonial Rabbit Commission was sitting in Sydney, when the last mail left, which all the colonies, except Western Australia, are represented. The representatives of the Press are excluded. The gentlemen who came to the colonies to represent M. Pasteur are now being examined.

yellow can neither taste, smell, nor speak, and can only take liquids.'

the Northern Territory Times of 21st April says:—The *Zhian* arrived from Hongkong on Tuesday, bringing one Japanese woman, and about 340 tons of cargo on her port; with four European and 138 Chinese passengers *en route* for Southern ports. The S. A. Government having given instructions that Europeans may be allowed to land from or go on board steamers from Hongkong, although that is still an infected port, the *Zhian* was allowed to proceed to the harbour to the usual anchorage, on the guarantee of Captain Allison that he could not allow any Chinese communication with the shore, and only such Europeans as might be absolutely necessary. Instructions have been given that the cargo is to be fumigated on board the lighters.

bing, Hon. J. Ball-Irving, Hon. A. P. MacEwen, Hon. C. P. Chuter, Hon. W. J. Deane; and Mr Seth, Clerk of Councils.

**BONUS TO THE FIRE BRIGADE.**

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table a minute recommending that the sum of 2,595.60 be voted to the members of the fire Brigade, in order to provide each

The Minute went on to say—The experience has been that the salaries of the brigade have become insufficient in view of the increased size of the town and the greater frequency of fires, and in the absence of some increase of remuneration it will probably be impossible to maintain an effective force. On the other hand the supply of water under high pressure which may be expected from Tytam waterworks will very possibly lessen greatly the labours of the Brigade, and this contingency renders it inexpedient at

addition to the salaries until the new water supply has been available for a sufficient time to enable the extent of the Fire Brigade to be fully ascertained. The Governor proposes therefore that the question of extra remuneration shall be considered with reference to the work actually done, and he recommends the above sum as a bonus for the past year's services, and the same for the present year, provided the work actually done is of a more severe work, which has been required in consequence of the unusually large number of fires. The addition of a bonus proportional to the salary of each member of the Brigade has no doubt the disadvantage that some members will probably be more remunerated than others, but it is a more liberal method than the plan suggested better than others. The plan proposed, however, been recommended after careful consideration, as on the whole less objectionable than any other which had been devised."/>

The Minute was referred to the Finance Committee.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

There was also laid on the table a report of the proceedings of the Finance Committee of the Colonial Secretary, which was approved by the Finance Committee held on the 27th ult.

The Colonial Secretary moved that the vote of \$855, to defray the cost of new posts and rails for the Garrison Parade Ground, be approved by the Council. Agreed.

The Colonial Secretary, in all reference to the vote in the Finance Committee, said that the Post Office, said the Finance Committee must meet again to reconsider this question.

THE CHINESE QUESTION IN AUSTRALIA.

Hon.-A. P. MacEwen.—Sir, I desire to call attention to a matter which is not included in the Order for the Day, but which is one of great importance and is at present engaging the attention of those in this colony engaged in trade with Australia.

His Excellency.—Will you tell me the nature of it, that I may see whether it is a matter that we can go into?

Mr. MacEwen.—It is in connection, Sir,







Wyndham Street, Hongkong.